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SUBJ: STAND-BY COMMUNICATIONS TO GRENADA

REF: BTN A-150 (DEC 1972)

1. EMBASSY REQUESTS U.S. NAVY COORDINATE WITH SNOWI IN ACTIVATING STAND-BY COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN U.S. NAVY, (EMBASSY VIA SSB), SNOWI AND BRITISH FRIGATE HMS BACCHANTE, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BE IN ST. GEORGE'S, GRENADA DURING INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS. IN EVENT NORMAL COMMERCIAL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAM COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE DISRUPTED DURING THIS PERIOD BECAUSE OF CURRENT LABOR PROTESTS AGAINST GAIRY GOVERNMENT, CIRCUIT PROPOSED WOULD PROBABLY BE BEST ALTERNATIVE FORM OF COMMUNICATIONS TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH U.S. INDEPENDENCE DELEGATION IN ST. GEORGE'S.

2. SUCH COMMUNICATIONS ARRANGEMENT IS PROVIDED FOR BY A-150 (EMBASSY E & E PLAN), ANNEX N (MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN HMG, USG AND GOC). PARA 1 OF ANNEX N STATES THAT IN EVENT OF EMERGENCY THESE GOVERNMENTS "WILL ESTABLISH DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS WITH EACH OTHER BY WHATEVER CHANNELS ARE AVAILABLE AND WILL REMAIN IN CONTACT, CONDITIONS PERMITTING, THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF THE EMERGENCY, AND WILL EXCHANGE INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE." EMBASSY HAS ALREADY DISCUSSED THIS STAND-BY COMMUNICATIONS ARRANGEMENT WITH BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION HERE, WHICH HAS AGREED TO EXPLORE THIS PROPOSAL
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WITH SNOWI IN ANTICIPATION OF U.S. NAVY REQUEST. PLEASE INFORM US OF FREQUENCIES TO BE USED AND TIMES FOR TESTING.

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